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Spaniard might slap or kick him. An old informant who carried mail during the last part of the 19th century said he always avoided the Spaniards. If he saw one coming he would ride his horse in the opposite direction to avoid giving a sign of respect.

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It was the custom of Spaniards not to permit Filipinos to wear their shirt-tails inside their pants. The Barong Tagalog, the national male costume of Filipinos, a finely-woven and embroidered shirt, is, Guerrero writes, "nothing but a shirt worn with its tails out." He continues by stating: "This seems to have been decried by the Spaniards to make it possible to tell at first glance who was a Spaniard, with the right to wear his shirt-tails properly tucked in, and who was an inferior 'indio.'"[88]

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One informant said when he was an altar boy for the priest he broke wind during mass. After the service the priest gave him a lashing for this unintentional act. Another informant told how the priest during mass would cry to the people who failed to kneel: "Oy, mga, carabao, lohod kamo!" (Oh, my carabaos, kneel!). If one was discovered possessing a Bible the book was confiscated and burned. Many of the people still believe today, as more did in the past, that to own a Bible may cause insanity.

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On the whole, the Spaniards regarded the Filipinos as children, to be civilized, according to Spanish concepts, and Christianized.

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[88] Leon Ma. Guerrero, "What Are Filipinos Like?", The Philippine Quarterly, I, No. 3 (December, 1951), pp. 5-6.